

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Group Art Unit: 3711

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Examiner: Raeann GORDEN

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

Claims 1-3, 8-11 and 16-25 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-3, 8-11, 16 and 17 have been allowed. Claims 18-25 have been provisionally rejected as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of copending Application No. 10/720,540.

In response to the claim rejections, Applicants have filed herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. The filing of a terminal disclaimer to obviate a rejection based on obviousness-type double patenting is not an admission of the propriety of the rejection, and raises neither a presumption nor estoppel on the merits of the rejection. *See* MPEP §804.02.

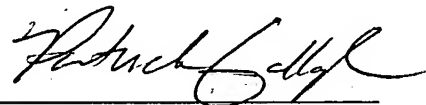
Accordingly, Applicants submit that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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